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China Top Soviet Problem: Dulles

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Allen W. Dulles, former chief of the central intelligence agency (CIA), said here Sunday that Red China's growing struggle for control for the "world Communist party" was the greatest problem facing Russia.

He warned, however, against the dangers of "Maginot line



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thinking"—referring to the pre-World War II belief that France's Maginot line was "impregnable."

"We must not be lulled into feeling protected by our superiority in missiles and nuclear power," Dulles said. The west has no deterrent against subversive wars, he added.

Dulles, 69, who supervised the planning for the U-2 flights and for the attempt to invade Cuba, spoke Sunday afternoon in the public library to about 250 persons at a meeting sponsored by the Friends of the Wisconsin Libraries. His latest book, "The Craft of Intelligence," was recently published.

Later, he spoke at a dinner meeting of the library group and the World Affairs Council of Milwaukee in the Hilton Inn.

Dulles said the Chinese are fighting for control of the Communist world party, and that their influence is spreading. Apparently, the Chinese have already forced the Soviets to pull out of the far east—including Vietnam, he said.

The Chinese have the engineering capability to produce nuclear weapons, and may be on the verge of announcing they have them, Dulles said.

He predicted that conventional wars were very unlikely in the future—because they could too easily turn into nuclear wars—but said we must learn to combat "subversive wars," such as the one going on in Vietnam.

Dulles, whose maternal grandfather, uncle and brother were secretaries of state under Presidents Harrison, Wilson and Eisenhower, respectively, answered a wide range of questions. His comments included:

- U-2 flights—The U-2 plane was successful more years than the CIA expected. It was a better spy than Mata Hari. It bared Russ rocket secrets during the missile gap of the fifties.

- CIA plans—Not even the president is always informed of "covert plans" until they're ready to be carried out. The president "has too much on his mind" and might accidentally "leak" a secret plan.

- B-70 controversy—America should develop new, supersonic aircraft to maintain weapon superiority. The British-French Concorde transport could be turned to military uses. America's recently announced A-11, built with CIA funds, will be "three times the plane the U-2 was."

- Books—The book may be greater than the bomb. The awakening consciousness of the educated classes of Russia is a "Pandora's box" to the Kremlin. The written word is the greatest secret weapon of the west.